CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

| Investigator: | | Team: | CCRB Case #: | ✓ Force | ✓ Discourt. | □ U.S. |
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| Zachary Herman | | Squad #12 | 201903267 | ✓ Abuse | ☐ O.L. | ☐ Injury |
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| Incident Date(s) | | Location of Incident: | | Precinct | : 18 Mo. SOL | EO SOL |
| Monday, 04/08/2019 7:38 AM | | Northeast Corner of Lexington Avenue and 125th Street; 25th Precinct stationhouse | | 25 | 10/8/2020 | 5/25/2021 |
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| Subject Officer(s) | Shield | TaxID | Command | | | |
| 1. POM Serbay Gobelek | 19459 | 959660 | 025 PCT | | | |
| 2. POM Florin Alexandru | 17329 | 951488 | 025 PCT | | | |
| 3. POM Anthony Steel | 06748 | 949694 | 025 PCT | | | |
| 4. POM Matthew Sichel | 01884 | 966338 | 025 PCT | | | |
| 5. POM Justin Senese | 21424 | 959978 | 025 PCT | | | |
| 6. POM Keith Wagenhauser | 18817 | 960062 | 025 PCT | | | |
| 7. LT Mario Deras | 00000 | 941650 | 025 PCT | | | |
| Officer(s) | Allegation | on | | In | vestigator Recor | nmendation |
| A.POM Keith Wagenhauser | 125th St | t the northeast corner of reet in Manhattan, Police auser used a Taser again | e Officer Keith | and | | |
| B.POM Justin Senese | 125th St | Force: At the northeast corner of Lexington Avenue and 125th Street in Manhattan, Police Officer Justin Senese used physical force against \$87(2)(b) | | | | |
| C.POM Justin Senese | 125th St | t the northeast corner of reet in Manhattan, Police force against § 87(2)(b) | | | | |
| D.POM Keith Wagenhauser | 125th St | Force: At the northeast corner of Lexington Avenue and 125th Street in Manhattan, Police Officer Keith Wagenhauser used a Taser against \$\frac{887(2)(b)}{2}\$ | | | | |
| E.POM Keith Wagenhauser | and 125t | Discourtesy: At the northeast corner of Lexington Avenue and 125th Street in Manhattan, Police Officer Keith Wagenhauser spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(5) | | | | |
| F.POM Keith Wagenhauser | 125th St | Abuse: At the northeast corner of Lexington Avenue and 125th Street in Manhattan, Police Officer Keith Wagenhauser refused to provide his shield number to | | | | |
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| G.POM Justin Senese | § 87(2)(b) Discourt and 125t | esy: At the northeast corh Street in Manhattan, P | rner of Lexington Av | venue | | |

| Officer(s) | Allegation | Investigator Recommendation |
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| I.POM Matthew Sichel | Force: Inside the 25th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Matthew Sichel used physical force against \$87(2)(b) | |
| J.POM Serbay Gobelek | Discourtesy: Inside the 25th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Serbay Gobelek spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(6) | |
| K.POM Serbay Gobelek | Force: Inside the 25th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Serbay Gobelek used physical force against § 87(2)(b) | |
| L.POM Florin Alexandru | Force: Inside the 25th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Florin Alexandru used physical force against § 87(2)(b) | |
| M.POM Anthony Steel | Force: Inside the 25th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Anthony Steel used physical force against \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ | |
| N.POM Matthew Sichel | Force: Inside the 25th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Matthew Sichel used physical force against \$87(2)(b) | |
| O.LT Mario Deras | Abuse: Inside the 25th Precinct stationhouse, Lieutenant Mario Deras did not obtain medical treatment for § 87(2)(b) | |

Case Summary

On April 11, 2019, NYPD IAB generated original log #19-13783 regarding this case. On April 16, 2019, the CCRB received this case from NYPD IAB.

| On April 8, 2019, at approximately 7:38 a.m., PO Justin Senese and PO Keith Wagenhauser of the |
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| 25 th Precinct observed \$87(2)(b) stab an unidentified male in the vicinity of the northeast |
| corner of Lexington Avenue and 125th Street in Manhattan. The officers approached \$87(2)(6) to |
| arrest him. §87(2)(6) fled across East 125 th Street. PO Wagenhauser discharged his conducted |
| energy weapon (CEW or "Taser") at §87(2)(b) (Allegation A: Force, §87(2)(b) Both officers |
| pursued \$87(2)(b) on foot, when they caught up to him across East 125th Street, \$87(2)(b) alleged |
| they conducted a forcible takedown, punched him, and used a CEW in drive-stun mode (Allegation |
| B: Force, § 87(2)(9) Allegation C: Force, § 87(2)(9) Allegation D: Force, |
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| On scene, a witness, § 87(2)(b) spoke with PO Wagenhauser. PO Wagenhauser told § |
| "Go the fuck over here." (Allegation E: Discourtesy, \$87(2)(9) \$87(2)(6) \$87(2)(6) |
| "Give me your badge number, I want your fucking badge number," to PO Wagenhauser, who |
| walked away without responding (Allegation F: Abuse of Authority, \$87(2)(9) While |
| speaking with another officer, PO Senese stated, "He fucking cracked him," \$87(2)(b) responded |
| to this statement (Allegation G: Discourtesy, \$87(2)(9) |
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| alleged that when officers were escorting him from the desk area to the cell area of the |
| 25 th precinct stationhouse, an officer pulled on his handcuff chain (Allegation H-I: Force, |
| Once inside the cell area, \$87(2)(b) sat in a chair while officers removed items he |
| could not take into the cell area. PO Sergay Gobelek, PO Florin Alexandru, PO Matthew Sitchel, |
| and PO Anthony Steel, all from the 25 th Precinct instructed §87(2)(6) to stand up. PO Gobelek |
| stated, "Don't put your fucking hands on me." (Allegation J: Discourtesy, \$87(2)(9) |
| stated that officers conducted a forcible takedown and threw into the cell area, where he |
| alleged he struck his head (Allegations K-N: Force , §87(2)(9) 887(2)(b) alleged that officers |
| refused to obtain medical treatment for him while he was in the cells, he was transported to a |
| hospital and treated on the date of the incident (Allegation O: Abuse of Authority, \$87(2)(9) |
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The investigation obtained body-worn camera footage from PO Senese, PO Jose Quintana, PO Paul Sclafani, PO Gobelek, PO Alexandru, PO Sichel, PO Bula, PO Felix Lene, PO Rumana Ali, PO Dinell Sinanan, PO Katrayen Arsen, PO Keith McGreevy, PO Tenzin Penpa, PO Alicia Villani, PO Nicholas Ragone, PO Nelson Quinones, PO Garrett Taverna, and Lieutenant Mario Deras (BR04, BR13-BR16).

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Force: At the northeast corner of Lexington Avenue and 125th Street in Manhattan, Police Officer Keith Wagenhauser used a Taser against \$87(2)(6) Allegation (B) Force: At the northeast corner of Lexington Avenue and 125th Street in Manhattan, Police Officer Justin Senese used physical force against § 87(2)(b) Allegation (C) Force: At the northeast corner of Lexington Avenue and 125th Street in Manhattan, Police Officer Justin Senese used physical force against \$87(2)(b) Allegation (D) Force: At the northeast corner of Lexington Avenue and 125th Street in Manhattan, Police Officer Keith Wagenhauser used a Taser in drive stun mode against \$\text{ST(2)}(2)(3) In his statement to the CCRB, §87(2)(b) stated that prior to the incident, he had consumed an unknown quantity of Klonopin and Adderall. Klonopin impacts \$87(2)(b) by making him more aggressive, and Adderall makes \$87(2)(b) more focused. \$87(2)(b) got into a physical fight with an unidentified individual in the vicinity of the south side of the intersection of Lexington Avenue and East 125th Street in Manhattan. At approximately 7:30 a.m. §87(2)(b) pulled out a knife, the dimensions of which he did not recall, and may have stabbed the unidentified individual. Immediately after § 87(2)(b) may have stabbed the unidentified individual, two uniformed police officers, PO Justin Senese and PO Keith Wagenhauser, approached § 37(2)(b) \$87(2)(b) walking past East 125th Street towards Third Avenue. As \$87(2)(b) walked away, the officers instructed him to stop multiple times. After he had walked several feet, PO Senese grabbed him. Both officers told 887(2)(b) to stop multiple times. 887(2)(b) wanted to get away and tried to evade the officers' attempts to stop him. After a few seconds, PO Senese pushed \$87(2)(b) onto the ground by grabbing him around his right shoulder and throwing him on the ground. §87(2)(6) was face-down on the street. §87(2)(b) resisted PO Senese's attempts to handcuff him, and one of the officers drove his Taser into \$87(2)(b) s lower back and used his Taser on him for several seconds (BR01). In his statement to the CCRB, PO Senese stated that he and PO Wagenhauser approached the site of the altercation. When they were approximately 20 feet away, PO Sense saw two men, one of whom facing each other. §87(2)(b) lunged towards the unidentified individual with one of his hands, then struck him, possibly with the same hand. § 87(2)(6) then observed the officers and ran across Lexington Avenue. PO Senese and PO Wagenhauser chased 807(2)(b) PO Wagenhauser was in front of PO Senese, but the officers got separated somewhat by oncoming traffic. As they pursued \$87(2)(b) PO Senese observed \$87(2)(b) drop a metal object from his hand when PO Senese was five to ten feet from \$87(2)(b) As PO Senese ran after \$87(2)(b) heard a sound he recognized as Taser discharge, which he described as a popping sound. PO Senese did not observe any effect that had on \$87(2)(b) PO Senese did not observe PO Wagenhauser draw his Taser. As PO Senese neared \$87(2)(b) he grabbed for \$87(2)(b) As PO Senese grabbed § 87(2)(b) fell down. PO Senese did not make contact with § 87(2)(b) tripped. \$87(2)(b) fell on his stomach. PO Senese straddled \$87(2)(b) while he attempted to place in handcuffs. § 87(2)(b) resisted PO Senese's attempt to handcuff him by tensing his arms. After approximately ten seconds, PO Senese successfully handcuffed \$97(2)(b) by pulling his arms behind his back. PO Wagenhauser assisted PO Senese in securing 887(2)(b) in handcuffs. PO Senese did not observe PO Wagenhauser use his Taser in drive-stun mode on \$87(2)(b) Senese did not observe the Taser in PO Wagenhauser's hand while he struggled with \$87(2)(6)

In his statement to the CCRB, PO Wagenhauser stated he was less than ten feet behind \$87(2)(0)

(BR08).

when he observed a black object that he believed to be a knife clutched in \$87(2)(b) s hand. PO Wagenhauser did not recall which hand \$87(2)(b) gripped the object in. PO Wagenhauser was unable to provide a description of the object beyond his belief that it was a knife and it was black. PO Wagenhauser did not state why he believed the object was a knife. As PO Wagenhauser pursued \$87(2)(b) he believed that it was possible \$87(2)(b) would turn around and attempt to stab him using the object. PO Wagenhauser drew his Taser and discharged it at \$87(2)(b) to prevent \$87(2)(b) from injuring PO Wagenhauser, PO Senese, or other nearby civilians. PO Wagenhauser was five to ten feet from \$87(2)(b) when he discharged his Taser. \$87(2)(b) was running when PO Wagenhauser discharged his Taser. PO Wagenhauser did not observe whether the Taser darts struck \$87(2)(b) or not. He did not observe where the darts from the Taser went. The Taser discharge was not effective at stopping \$87(2)(b) who kept running.

PO Wagenhauser observed \$87(2)(b) trip and fall to the ground. \$87(2)(b) fell himself, neither officer pushed \$87(2)(b) or came into any physical contact with him to cause him to fall. As PO Wagenhauser was chasing \$87(2)(b) he holstered his Taser. When PO Wagenhauser reached \$7(2)(b) PO Senese was struggling with \$87(2)(b) to handcuff him. PO Wagenhauser stated that \$87(2)(b) was resisting arrest by tensing his arms. He did not observe PO Senese use any strikes on \$87(2)(b) PO Wagenhauser did not use his Taser in drive stun mode on \$87(2)(b) (BR07).

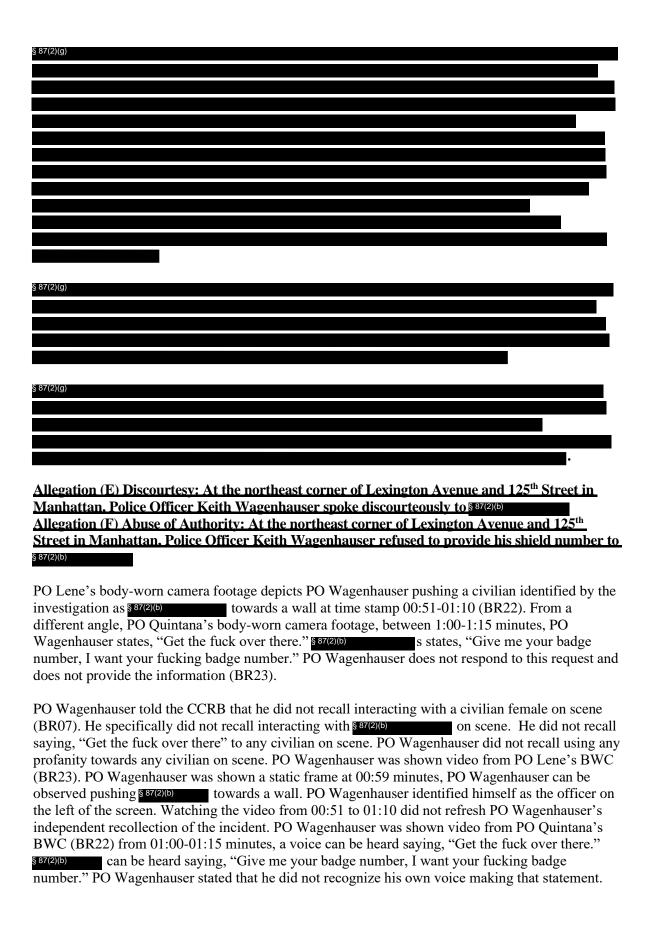
On PO Senese's body-worn camera, between 00:14 and 00:16 minutes, \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ drives one of his arms towards an unidentified male. At 00:17-00:18 minutes, the male falls on the ground, at 00:19, is visible with an object possibly in his right hand. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ is wearing a black jacket, orange hooded sweatshirt, green, brown, or grey shirt, and grey pants. Between 00:20 and 00:21, \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{27(2)}\$ appears to drop an object from his hand onto the street, an object is briefly visible on the street as PO Senese runs past it. PO Senese pursues \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ across the street, and catches up with him at 00:37 minutes on the opposite side of the street from where the male and \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ interacted. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ falls to the ground between 00:37 and 00:38 minutes (BR04).

PO Wagenhauser's X-26 Taser Sheet for Taser X130045AY shows one discharge for five seconds on the incident date (BR18).

PO Wagenhauser prepared TRI \$87(2)(6) regarding his discharge of a CEW. The TRI states the CEW was discharged once in probe mode, and that the discharge was ineffective (BR20).

NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-02 states that MOS will use only the reasonable force necessary to gain control or custody of a subject. It states that in determining whether the use of force is reasonable, members of service should consider the following factors: the nature and severity of the crime/circumstances; the actions taken by the subject; the duration of the action; the immediacy of the perceived threat or harm; whether the subject is actively resisting custody; whether the subject is attempting to evade arrest by flight; the number of subjects compared to the number of MOS; the size, age, and condition of the subject in comparison to the MOS; a subject's violent history if known; the presence of a hostile crowd or agitators; and whether the subject is apparently under the influence of a stimulant or narcotic which would affect pain tolerance or increase the likelihood of violence (BR02).

NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-08 states that in assessing whether to discharge a taser, an officer must assess the factors listed in 221-02 in deciding the reasonable amount of force necessary to overcome resistance. A CEW should only be used against persons who are actively resisting, exhibiting active aggression, or to prevent individuals from physically injuring themselves or other persons present (BR03).



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NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 203-09 states that officers are to courteously state their rank, name, shield number, and command, or otherwise provide them, to anyone who requests they do so (BR25).

NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 200-02 states that officers are to render their services with courtesy and civility (BR30).

While <u>Disciplinary Case 2013-10143</u> affirms that officers should remain courteous and professional, it makes an exception in that profane remarks may be permissible in the context of a dangerous situation or when added as an intensifier added to a lawful command in the context of a dangerous situation (BR26).

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Allegation (G) Discourtesy: At the northeast corner of Lexington Avenue and 125th Street in Manhattan. Police Officer Justin Senese spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b)

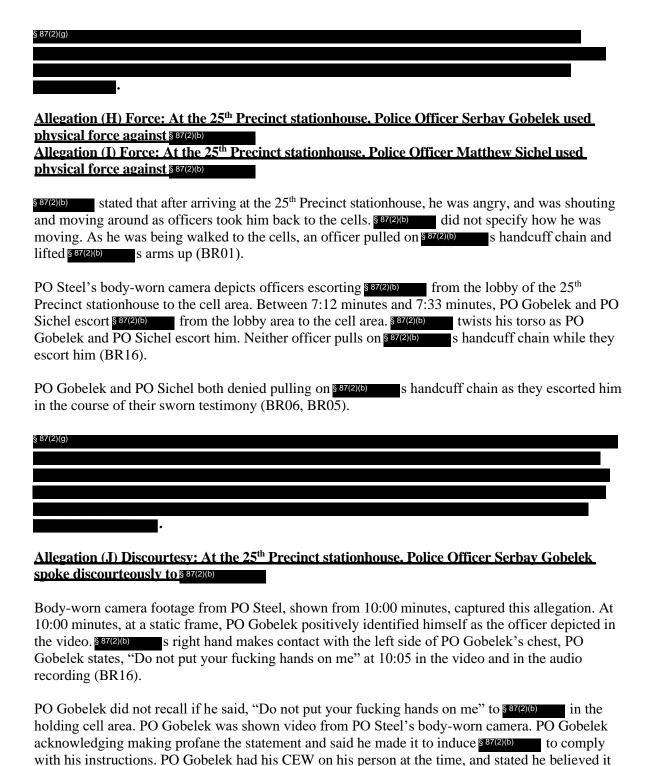
PO Sclafani's body-worn camera footage depicts PO Senese saying, "He fucking cracked some guy on the head" as he lifts \$87(2)(b) up off the ground, \$87(2)(b) responds, "That's because of him," gesturing at an individual (BR15).

PO Senese did not recall using profanity towards during the incident. PO Senese identified viewed a static frame in PO Quintana's body-worn camera at 00:37 minutes and he identified as himself. He was shown the video starting at timestamp 00:32 through 00:40. PO Senese stated he did not hear himself making the statement, "He fucking cracked him." PO Senese stated he heard, "He cracked him" in the course of his in-person statement (BR08).

Per the <u>Patrol Guide</u> cited in rules section of Allegation E, officers are to render their services with courtesy and civility (BR30).

Per the <u>Disciplinary Case</u> cited in the rules section of Allegation E, while officers are to remain courteous in their interactions with civilians, context can render such statements permissible (BR26).

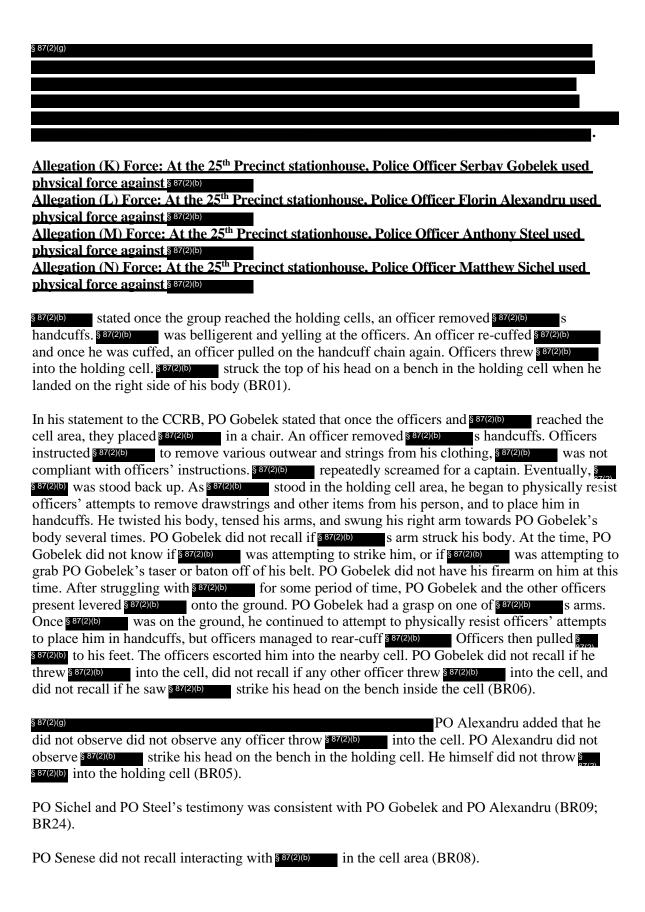
According to the <u>Patrol Guide</u>, police officers must treat members of the public with courtesy and civility. NYPD <u>Disciplinary Case</u> Law presents a matrix to analyze the context when an officer makes a discourteous or profane remark.



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was possible § 87(2)(b) was reaching for it (BR06).

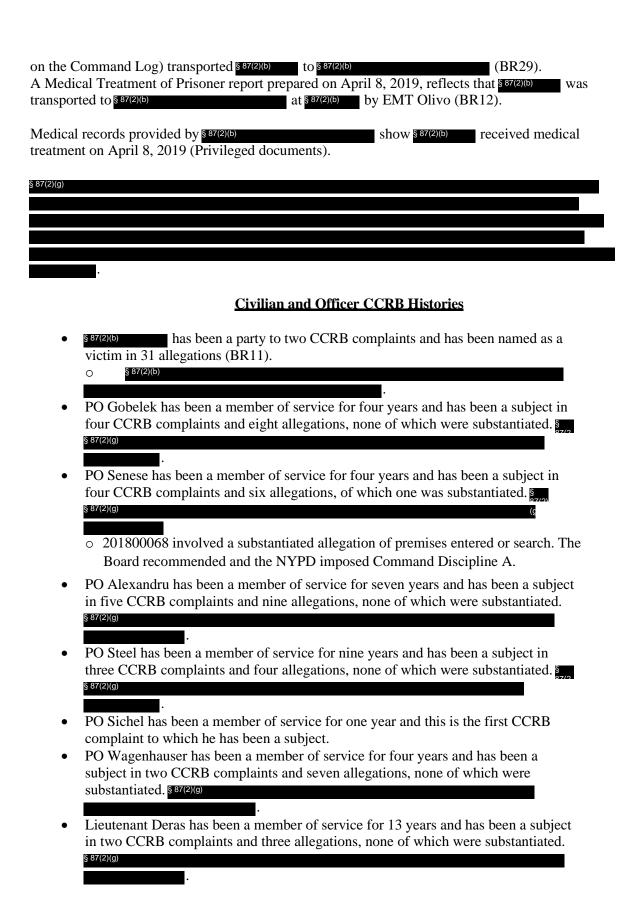


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Video from PO Alexandru's body-worn camera, captures the physical interaction. At 17:05 minutes, PO Alexandru instructs (\$307(2)(b) to stand up and place his hands on the wall. PO Gobelek appears to be attempting to remove a draw string from \$87(2)(6) s shirt. At 17:17 minutes, PO Alexandru's camera is knocked off of his body when \$87(2)(b) thrashes into him. § 87(2)(b) repeatedly yells, "Look at what your officers are doing to me." Officers are holding they are otherwise not doing anything. At 17:59 minutes, \$87(2)(b) sags onto the ground. At 18:36 minutes, after the sounds of a struggle, an officer places PO Alexandru's camera on the table. Once the camera is placed on the table, multiple officers are visible, bent over. \$87(2)(5) is not visible. At 19:54 minutes PO Gobelek and another officer lift \$87(2)(6) onto his feet. At 20:17 minutes PO Gobelek escorts \$87(2)(6) into the holding cell, and places him over a bench (BR28). An ISAR prepared regarding the force used towards 337(2)(5) throughout the incident was consistent with officer testimony (BR21). NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-02 states that MOS will use only the reasonable force necessary to gain control or custody of a subject. It states that in determining whether the use of force is reasonable, members of service should consider a matrix of factors listed above in the rule section analyzing Allegations A-C (BR02). Allegation (O) Abuse of Authority: At the 25th Precinct stationhouse, Lieutenant Mario Deras did not obtain medical treatment for § 87(2)(b) alleged that he repeatedly requested medical attention once inside the 25th Precinct stationhouse. § 37(2)(b) did not specify when he made this request. He also stated that inside the holding cell, \$87(2)(b) repeatedly screamed for help and that he wanted to be transported to the hospital (BR01). does not request medical attention during his initial interactions with police officers inside the stationhouse. PO Gobelek's body-worn camera and PO Alexandru's body-worn camera. does repeatedly request to speak to a superior officer by screaming, "Captain" (BR14, BR28). Lieutenant Deras' body-worn camera shows Lt. Deras speaking with \$37(2)(b) and PO Senese in the cell. The native timestamp in the video at 00:12 is 2019/04/08 with a time shown of 08:29:58 GMT-4. Lt. Deras speaks to \$87(2)(b) beginning at timestamp 00:30 minutes. He states that previously refused medical attention to EMTs. He confirms this with PO Senese at 00:50, and then clarifies with \$87(2)(b) that \$87(2)(b) wants to go to the hospital. He instructs PO Senese to call for emergency medical services, then deactivates his body-worn camera (BR13). The Tour 1 Command Log from the 25th Precinct stationhouse reflects that \$87(2)(b) was brought to the stationhouse at 7:40 a.m., at which time \$87(2)(b) is listed as having refused medical

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attention. The Command Log later reflects that at \$87(2)(b) an ambulance (referred to as a "bus"



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